



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 6.8  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 6% very short, 37% short, 55% adequate and 2% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Scattered showers fell across the state, and crop emergence rates increased with the sunny weather. Producers completed 87% of spring plowing, 4 points ahead of the 5-year average. Corn producers completed planting. Emerged corn reached 96%, 10 points above the 5-year average. Cotton planted increased to 22%, 12 points above the 5-year average. Rice producers completed 73% of the planting, 4 points above the 5-year average. Emerged rice increased to 46%, 1 point behind the 5-year average. Sorghum producers completed 61% of planting, 17 points above the 5-year average. Emerged sorghum increased to 22%, 2 points above the 5-year average. Soybeans planted increased to 27%, 13 points ahead of the 5-year average. Winter wheat headed reached 59% lagging 30 points behind the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers sprayed herbicides and fertilized fields.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Vegetable producers worked summer crops. Strawberry producers continued to harvest. Citrus producers scouted for insects. Crawfish producers reported increased catches.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Cattlemen continued to cut ryegrass to make hay and vaccinated cattle.

| PERCENT OF PROGRESS |                |              |           |      |          |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|
| CROP                | STAGE          | Current Week | Last Week | 2009 | 5 YR AVG |
| Land Preparation    | Spring plowing | 87           | 77        | 91   | 83       |
| Corn                | Planted        | 100          | 97        | 99   | 98       |
|                     | Emerged        | 96           | 79        | 84   | 86       |
| Cotton              | Planted        | 22           | 5         | 7    | 10       |
| Hay                 | First cutting  | 6            | 0         | 5    | 8        |
| Rice                | Planted        | 73           | 66        | 64   | 69       |
|                     | Emerged        | 46           | 15        | 34   | 47       |
| Sorghum             | Planted        | 61           | 43        | 17   | 44       |
|                     | Emerged        | 22           | 0         | 0    | 20       |
| Soybeans            | Planted        | 27           | 17        | 16   | 14       |
| Winter Wheat        | Headed         | 59           | 29        | 96   | 89       |

| CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ITEM                      | VERY POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCELLENT |
| Corn                      | 0         | 1    | 24   | 59   | 16        |
| Sugarcane                 | 4         | 14   | 53   | 23   | 6         |
| Winter Wheat              | 0         | 2    | 45   | 47   | 6         |
| Livestock                 | 2         | 9    | 42   | 42   | 5         |
| Vegetables                | 6         | 11   | 42   | 37   | 4         |
| Pasture                   | 3         | 14   | 48   | 31   | 4         |

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/12/10 TO 04/18/10

|                         | AIR TEMPERATURE |      |     |     | PRECIPITATION |            |             |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|
|                         | MAX             | MIN  | AVG | NRM | WEEKLY TOTAL  | FOUR WEEKS | YR. TO DATE | NORM  |
| <b>1. Northwest</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| LSU-Bossier City        | 83              | 49   | 68  | 64  | 0.88          | 1.79       | 10.53       | 16.40 |
| Minden                  | 83              | 47   | 66  | 63  | 0.02          | 1.33       | 11.90       | 17.99 |
| Mooringsport            | 82              | 49   | 68  | MM  | 0.42          | 1.78       | 11.88       | 15.05 |
| Extreme/Average         | 83              | 47   | 67  | 64  | 0.44          | 1.63       | 11.44       | 16.72 |
| <b>2. North-Central</b> |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| LSU-Calhoun             | 84              | 47   | 68  | 64  | 0.08          | 1.46       | 10.16       | 19.17 |
| Homer/Hill Farm         | 83              | 45   | 64  | 62  | 0.14          | 1.87       | 14.20       | 18.27 |
| ULM-Monroe              | 84              | 51   | 69  | 64  | 0.77          | 2.33       | 11.33       | 20.25 |
| Columbia Lock           | 84              | 49   | 68  | MM  | 0.00          | 1.52       | 9.30        | 20.83 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84              | 45   | 67  | 64  | 0.25          | 1.77       | 10.26       | 19.17 |
| <b>3. Northeast</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Lake Providence         | 82              | 51   | 68  | 63  | 0.00          | 1.82       | 9.89        | 21.07 |
| LSU-St Joseph           | 85              | 49   | 70  | 65  | 0.00          | 1.52       | 15.35       | 20.85 |
| LSU-Winnsboro           | (86)            | 53   | 70  | 64  | 0.00          | 2.08       | 10.44       | 20.17 |
| Tallulah                | 83              | 50   | 68  | 64  | 0.00          | 1.92       | 12.02       | 20.72 |
| Extreme/Average         | 86              | 49   | 69  | 65  | 0.00          | 1.67       | 12.62       | 20.63 |
| <b>4. West-Central</b>  |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Leesville               | 83              | 45   | 66  | 65  | 0.04          | 1.18       | 11.44       | 18.23 |
| LSU-Rosepine            | 83              | (44) | 66  | 65  | 0.02          | 0.91       | 12.41       | 18.05 |
| Natchitoches            | 85              | 44   | 67  | 65  | 0.06          | 1.14       | 11.20       | 18.08 |
| Extreme/Average         | 85              | 44   | 67  | 65  | 0.04          | 1.16       | 11.44       | 18.05 |
| <b>5. Central</b>       |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Alexandria              | 79              | 47   | 65  | 66  | 0.00          | 0.91       | 13.09       | 19.73 |
| Brusly                  | MM              | MM   | MM  | 66  | M.MM          | M.MM       | MM.MM       | 20.39 |
| Bunkie                  | 83              | 49   | 69  | 66  | 0.15          | 0.68       | 15.85       | 20.41 |
| LSU-Alexandria          | 83              | 50   | 69  | 65  | 0.01          | 0.45       | 13.94       | 18.81 |
| Extreme/Average         | 83              | 47   | 68  | 66  | 0.05          | 0.68       | 14.29       | 19.68 |
| <b>6. East-Central</b>  |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Franklinton 5SW         | 82              | 50   | 67  | MM  | 0.00          | 0.75       | 14.13       | MM.MM |
| LSU-Baton Rouge         | 83              | 49   | 68  | 66  | 0.00          | 0.67       | 10.78       | 19.07 |
| Amite                   | 85              | 48   | 68  | 65  | 0.06          | 0.90       | 13.86       | 22.29 |
| LSU-Hammond             | 83              | 49   | 66  | 65  | 0.00          | 1.05       | 10.99       | 21.31 |
| Slideell                | 80              | 55   | 67  | 67  | 0.00          | 0.39       | 15.68       | 20.21 |
| Extreme/Average         | 85              | 48   | 67  | 67  | 0.01          | 0.75       | 13.09       | 21.04 |
| <b>7. Southwest</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| DeRidder                | 84              | 50   | 69  | 66  | 0.00          | 0.87       | 14.77       | 18.67 |
| Jennings                | 83              | 54   | 70  | 67  | 0.00          | 0.95       | 10.48       | 16.74 |
| LSU-Crowley             | 84              | 53   | 70  | 67  | 0.01          | 0.63       | 8.90        | 17.31 |
| Extreme/Average         | 84              | 50   | 70  | 67  | 0.00          | 0.82       | 11.38       | 16.87 |
| <b>8. South-Central</b> |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Donaldsonville          | 83              | 50   | 68  | 67  | 0.00          | 0.26       | 12.24       | 18.85 |
| LSU-Jeanerette          | 82              | 55   | 70  | 67  | 0.02          | 0.68       | 10.50       | 16.70 |
| Morgan City             | 80              | 55   | 69  | 67  | 0.00          | 0.17       | 8.67        | 17.39 |
| Extreme/Average         | 83              | 50   | 69  | 68  | 0.01          | 0.37       | 10.47       | 17.59 |
| <b>9. Southeast</b>     |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| Galliano                | 78              | 54   | 67  | 68  | 0.00          | 0.60       | 16.00       | 18.60 |
| Houma                   | 83              | 53   | 68  | 68  | 0.01          | 0.59       | 11.98       | 17.63 |
| Terrytown 3S            | 81              | 58   | 69  | MM  | 0.00          | 0.78       | 13.66       | MM.MM |
| Reserve                 | MM              | MM   | MM  | 67  | M.MM          | M.MM       | MM.MM       | 20.62 |
| Extreme/Average         | 83              | 53   | 68  | 68  | 0.00          | 0.66       | 13.88       | 19.11 |
| <b>State</b>            |                 |      |     |     |               |            |             |       |
| State Averages          | 86              | 44   | 68  | 66  | 0.08          | 1.03       | 12.26       | 18.81 |

M = Missing                    ( ) = Extremes                    Yr. to Date = Through April 18, 2010

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